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Trail board discusses cameras, roof replacements

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FACTORYVILLE — At the Lackawanna Trail school board meeting April 13, Mark J. Galick of McClure Company made a final presentation about roofing options and a camera system for the board members to consider.

“There were some items that were left unresolved that we’re asked to explore more options for you, he said to the board members.

“We’re here to do that.”

George Monahan, who was Galick’s partner on this project, brought IP video cameras for the presentation.

“Originally what we provided in the program that we presented you (during the March board meeting) is 94 fixed video IP video cameras with infra-red technology,” said Galick.

The IP video system has 23 exterior IP cameras with two megapixels for day and night.

It also has 71 interior IP cameras with two megapixels for day and night.

Using his laptop, Monahan demonstrated and explained the benefits of a pan zoom camera.

He explained that it can record many angles at once.

He also explained that it has thumbnail search and a storage device, which can hold up to two or three weeks of data.

“All of the videos in this recorder is watermarked,” said Monahan.

“They can tell whether it (picture) was altered.

Trail board president David Thorne asked Monahan how durable are the cameras.

Monahan replied that the cameras are made of metal and the glass is shatter-proof.

“Very sturdy, very industrial,” he explained.

Trail high school principal Dr. Mark Murphy explained roofing options for Lackawanna Trail’s elementary center and high school. He said that Program A was the bare minimum, which is fixing two roofs in the highest need of replacement (cost \$3,446,100).

He then said that Program B is a comprehensive roof replacement (replacing all of the roofs) and an installation of an IP video system (cost \$4,890,000).

“Those are the last two items that we need to come to some resolution, so we can put together the final project,” said Murphy.

Thorne announced that the school board will have a special meeting at the elementary center on April 20 to make a final decision.

In other business, the board voted to appoint:

Sweet Stevens, Katz, & Williams as the school solicitor at a stipend per the proposed agreement, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; Joe Kaminski from Clark’s Green as a substitute health class teacher and Nancy Fleming from Dalton as a substitute private vehicle teacher; David Hopkins’ resignation as percussion instructor; David Hopkins’ appointment as volunteer band assistant director.

The board also approved: Robert Fitzsimmons’ resignation as girls’ basketball coach; and Lackawanna Trail school district and Children’s Service Center of Wyoming Valley to provide behavioral health services from August 26, 2015 through June 4, 2016, at an amount not to exceed \$56,650.

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